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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
 (Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

Mail Stop Patent Application  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Michael J. Antal, Jr.**

For: **PROCESS FOR FLASH CARBONIZATION OF BIOMASS**

Assigned to : University of Hawaii

This application is a  Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part  
 of prior Application No.: 10/152,276, filed May 20, 2002, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

The specification has been amended to claim priority from the parent application, or such amendment is included in a separate sheet.

**Application Elements:**



**17** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract



**01** Sheets of formal Drawings

Declaration



Newly executed



Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).

The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.  
 Copy of Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document  
 Power of Attorney  
 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee  
 Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations  
 Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)  
 Return Receipt Postcard  
 Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

Priority of Application No. filed on is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.   
 The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	05	MINUS	20	= 00	x 18 =	00
INDEP.	01	MINUS	3	= 00	x 86 =	00
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	770.00
						TOTAL
						770.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						385.00

Check No. 8858 in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. UOHIP006D1).

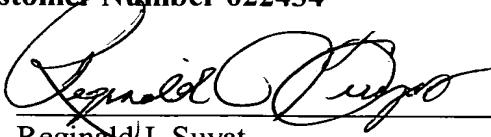
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. UOHIP006D1).

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